

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that "Applicant's proposed amendment [of claim 43] attempts to claim the binder to be disposed along the length of the 'fabric.' However, the examiner suggested amending the claim to the [sic] point out that the binder is disposed along the length of the individual 'fibers,' not the fabric as a whole. This amendment would accurately reflect fig. 2."

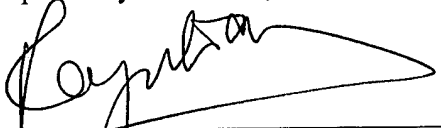
Claim 43 is amended to recite "the binder is disposed along the length of the fiber." Entry of this amendment is respectfully request to minimize issues on appeal.

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